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 COMPONENT TO EXECUTE AN INTERPRETIVE LANGUAGE

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments:

This response addresses the status of 1-83. Claims 4, 13, and 70 are objected to because of informalities. Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1, 9-16, 22-35, 37-39, 47-55, 61-73, and 75-77 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,179,734 (Candy). Claims 2-8, 17-21, 40-42, 56-60, and 78-80 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being rendered obvious by Candy in view of U.S. Patent 6,658,655 (Hoogerbrugge). Claims 36 and 74 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being rendered obvious by Candy in view of U.S. Patent 6,317,872 (Gee). Claims 43-46 and 81-83 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being rendered obvious by Candy in view of

Hoogerbrugge and U.S. Patent 5,586,256 (Thiel). Claims 1-83 are cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection of those claims moot.

Claims 84-98 are added.